

and of Daniel Boone, the greatest of hunters and Indian-slayers.

The collection of arms, of the various periods, has grown steadily, and only a catalogue could go at all into its details. It embraces the period of the Crusades, in which to be sure the progenitors of not a few North Carolinians cut no small figure; a very noble sword of the date of the second Crusade being a loan by Charles F. von Herrmann, now of Baltimore, through me to the collection; thence through the Colonial and Revolutionary periods, to the second war with England, that of 1812; the Mexican War period, and notably the Civil War, the collection of objects illustrative of the latter being very varied and striking, and thence down to the last of the wars—those in Cuba, in the Philippines, and with the Boxers in China, in all of which to be sure North Carolinians figured. The Reconstruction period which followed the Civil War, and which is now being made a subject of special study, is being covered by the collection. In fact, no period of the State's history is escaping attention, and the letter-writing is becoming extensive indeed, as objects have first to be located and then to be asked for, in some cases quite a lot of correspondence being necessary.

The cases being moth-proof, dust-proof, and with double safety locks, the best opportunity is afforded for the preservation of relics and more especially clothing, as special preparations are used which destroy all insect life. As a result the collection of uniforms of the Civil War period has come to be very notable, embracing particularly uniforms worn by Generals Grimes, Ramseur, Pender, Hoke, Robert Ransom, Pettigrew, Leventhorpe, Branch, Matt. Ransom, Cox, and others, and also uniforms of all ranks and of all branches of the service, many of these and other relics being most pathetic, their number being so great as to preclude any detailed description.

The collection of swords of officers in the various wars is particularly striking to visitors. Two objects which attract marked attention are the shot-riddled smoke-stack or funnel